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Harbor District Chambers Act On State Legislation

Representatives of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, meeting in Torrance on Thursday, took action in favor of continuing the present 2 1/2 percent level of the state sales tax.

Former Governor Frank F. Merriam reviewed pending legislation at the meeting in the Civic auditorium, which was followed by a dinner in Allen's.

Endorsement was voted on a bill now on the governor's desk for signature, which would exempt trade fixtures from assessment as real property.

In support of proponents of the establishment of coast passenger and freight steamer service between Long Beach and San Francisco, the group agreed to assist in a favorable presentation of the matter at a hearing Feb. 26 before the State Utilities Commission. This matter was presented by Charles Bland of the Long Beach Harbor Commission.

The Harbor District Chamber opposed pending legislation relating to socialized medicine, opposed proposed removal of assessment authority from cities and counties in favor of a state agency, opposed institution of daylight saving for California unless it is established for all states and opposed any legislation which would establish a state housing authority with power to spend state money or remove racial restrictions.

Blaine Walker, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the delegates from the several harbor area cities and communities. Hatcher James, secretary of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, acknowledged the welcome. Clifford Higgins, president, presented Aubrey Edwards, manager of the Ford Company plant at Long Beach, who spoke concerning "The Golden Rule in Industry."

In the course of his remarks Edwards said that management and labor must satisfy the boss—the general public. He commented that labor efficiency has increased to 80 per cent of pre-war normal.

Lomita Physician Wins New Honor With Guardsmen

Dr. F. H. Racer, prominent Lomita physician and surgeon, has won a new honor as a result of his World War II work with the California State Guard and Selective Service boards. It was announced this week that he has been named surgeon for the Department of California, Legion of Guardsmen.

The Torrance-Lomita post of the Legion of Guardsmen named the Dr. F. H. Racer post in his honor. A retired army doctor, he devoted endless hours to State Guard and Selective Service work throughout the war. The local Legion of Guardsmen post will meet tonight in the armory at Torrance ball park, according to Commander Harry Ramskill.

"COME AND GET IT"



That's what curvaceous Citrus Princess Shirley Buchanan will soon be shouting down San Bernardino when the California Orange Show opens Mar. 13 for eleven days of spectacular exhibits and entertainment by stars of radio and screen.

National Guard Recruiting In Armory Tonight

Candidates for enlistment in the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, California National Guard, will be interviewed tonight at the State Armory in Torrance ball park, it is announced by Capt. R. L. Lewellen.

Present will be Lt. Col. David W. Campbell, who was called from retirement to command the 578th Combat Engineers, M/Sgt. H. M. Cook Jr., regular army sergeant instructor assigned here, and Captain Lewellen, commander of Co. H, 2nd Battalion, 39th regiment, California State Guard, who is aiding in the formation of the local National Guard unit.

The battalion headquarters will be mustered in for Federal recognition on March 17, it was said, and there are many commissioned and non-commissioned grades awaiting eligible candidates. One is a warrant officer commission which is open to a former master sergeant or first sergeant who is thoroughly familiar with army administrative procedure, it was said.

Those experienced in supply, machinery, civil engineering, road building equipment, trucks and tractors will be considered immediately for promotions, it is reported.

The Thursday night recruiting will continue at the armory in the ball park, in addition to the daytime recruiting service being conducted by M/Sgt. Cook in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office.

New Warning On Salt Water Issued By U.S.

Fresh water pumped for irrigation purposes in Los Angeles and Orange county coastal plains is being replaced by salty sea water to a depth of 150 feet in some areas, it was disclosed Saturday by District Engineer J. F. Poland of the U. S. Geological Survey.

Reporting, for the first time, results of a survey commenced in 1941 to a meeting of the hydrology section of the National Research Council, American Geophysical Union, at the California Institute of Technology, Poland said:

"Since 1931 there has been an increase of 12,400 acre-feet of subterranean water contaminated mostly by saline from the sea but in some cases containing oil and chloride wastes from drilling."

More than 400,000 acre-feet beneath Dominguez Gap, west of Long Beach, Huntington Beach Mesa and Santa Ana Gap is now salty, the engineer declared.

Operation Fatal To Police Chief Of Redondo Beach

Harry M. Petersen, 53, chief of police at Redondo Beach since 1928, died Sunday following an operation. He was well known in Torrance.

He entered the department as a motorcycle officer in 1918, becoming a sergeant of motorcycle police in 1922. Upon his appointment as chief, he was one of the youngest Police Department heads in this area.

He was a member of the Redondo Beach Lions club, California Peace Officers Association, Elks Lodge and other organizations. Mr. Petersen leaves his widow, Louise, and sons, Harry M., Jr., a Redondo police officer, and Robert.

Walterians To Discuss Sewers Tomorrow Night

To thoroughly acquaint the property owners of Walteria with the proposed sewer project, a meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Walteria school, it is announced by George P. Thatcher, who arranged the gathering. City Engineer G. M. Jain and Harold A. Barnett, consulting engineer, will talk and answer questions of those interested. All residents of Walteria are being urged by Thatcher to attend the meeting and bring questions which need answering prior to the public hearing to be held in the City Council chambers on March 4.

No Special Sugar Stamps During 1947

There will be no special sugar stamps issued for canning this year.

This reminder to housewives has been issued by OPA sugar rationing officials following changes in regulations announced recently in Washington, D. C.

The change from 5 to 10 pound stamps does not mean that consumers will have twice as much sugar, OPA continued. The housewife must spread 10 pounds to cover longer periods and must set aside sugar for home canning because no special home canning stamp will be issued.

The first 10 pound stamp becomes valid on April 1. The current 5 pound stamp, number 58, expires on March 31 instead of April 30 as originally intended.

The sugar supply picture cannot be foretold until later in the year, OPA said, but it is hoped to bring in a new 10 pound stamp every three months. This will give a total of 35 pounds per person for the year, 10 pounds more than was issued in 1946.

Making future stamps good for 10 pounds extends the use of the present ration books and avoids an expenditure of 2 million dollars for new books, OPA said.

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